etracts from, Oscar Wilde's New Poem Giving interesting Details and Cynical Reflections of His Life in Prison.

THE PRESENCE OF THE PROPERTY O Post by Henry Ryder-Taylor. (Waitte

haven head and feet of lead

So still it lay that every day
Crawled like a weed clogged wave;
And we forgot the bitter let
That waits for fool or knave,
Till once, as we tramped in from work,
We passed an open grave."

"We tore the tarry rope to shreds With blunt and bleeding nails."

selection was that for the condemned mur-derer The custom in England is different

to what prevails here. When a man is exe-

cuted for murder his body is not, under any

circumstances, given to friends or relatives.

crime.

That right is one of terror to the prisoners, who are naturally cowards and fearful of death. The awful fate of their comrade strikes terror to their souls, and even the poet left R, and he thus describes the forms of fear and evil that haunted him, but he cynically

n of mud and sand that lies

well

death

It is only what

And gibe

And the warder is Despuir

Oscar Wilde is living in Paris

the assumed same of "Schantian Melnotte." His exact address is known to few except

most intimate friends, but it is understood to be near the Quartier Latin. This is the

cheapest and most congenial place for artists and literary men, and it is, indeed, a pleasure to reside in and be acquainted in the place, for it is there that one can early partial life far better and far cheaper than in the aristocratic portions of the gay city. I have resided in both and know whereof I write.

"Sebastian Melnotte."

This is the

This undoubtedly refers to the picking of

received from Dallad of Readi is apparently inter for its author in poem is "dedicated to ime a trooper in the Royal Horse died in prison, July 7, 1896." there is no explanation, but it is bat he is the murderer referred to n. The work is published by hers of the Royal Aroade, Lonand it is issued in popular form-

ngs and 6 pence. is intensely dramatic, cynical and th that case that Indicates that is a master of poesy. It would respect, if net admiration, from ties if the author were only a new m writer, but it is of greater init is an open secret that the poem nt of Oscar Wilde, the greatest of a dramatists and celebrated author, scially those blased by prejudice or a dramatists and celebrated author, secally those blased by prejudice or at his crimes, may cavil at this d think it an exaggeration, but it when a dramatist has three of his ning at the same time, performed at different theaters in London—an sever known before or since that two companies also producing his the provinces, it shows that he has a success that no other playwright id has ever accomplished. Nor was in America at the same time his rebeing produced and Australians oring his plays. In all cases the repopular, drew big audiences and questionably successful. In saying was the greatest of modern English at a monty saying what is true, all success and popularity may be as a criterion. The new poem is reclimentally because it is the first at he has issued since he was remprised, and shows that he has estimated as the corresponding produced which has been a physical wreck and sunk cellity. The first statement certain wrong, as he was never healthier or than when released from prison, present work shows he is lw no imbeelle.

of publishing anything that came pen, and paid handsomely for it! He sh difficulty found a publisher in hera. Some say he would publish it dintend that the author's remunera-paid by royalty on the copies sold; at it was published in Wilde's sole expense. However this may be, it almy be a good venture for those expense. However this may allow a good venture for those as in the profits, as the "advance are heavy and these will increase the heavy and the he

ainly be a good venture for those in the profits, as the "advance for heavy and these will increase indous ratio as the author and merits of become known.

The profits of the non, de plume "C 33" singular, but it was quite natural, ide, like other prisoners, would lose on entering prison and would only a by two numbers. The first would ficial, registered number. This he the left breast of big can on a paned in plate about 4x15 inches, bers being of solid brass. This numbers used, except in official papers, and number is what is generally used was printed thus, in black letters, see of yellow called about 6 inches hus:

33 was sown upon the back of his is ward "C" ward, he would be as No. 31 when outside the ward

"Oho," they cried "the world is wide, that fettered limbs go tame, and one detected to throw the dies

ising Wilde's attentic

a fellow prisoner who was a This prisoner walked mechan flowlous or all around, and fixed upon the sky,

opens. Wilde is natoner, but how can he get H7 be punished severely, but prison rules to talk and escape detection. They get in front, talk soft and without the lips. This is difficult at first, acquired. Wilde soon naked "What so for of a fellow prisoner. The tenses "lies got to swing it. e., be for killing the woman he loved." feature of the poem, and the poet thus:

man kills the thing he loved he let this be heard.
If with a hit look, and with a kild.
With a sword.

eil, and others buy.
the deed with many tears,
me without a sigh;
man kills the thing he lov

tries the condemned man in the shadow of death and singe

and the clm have pleasant leaves, the springtime sheet, to see is the gallows tree, to adder bitten root, it bears its fruit.

est place is the sent of grace in all worldlings try: would stand in a hempen band staffold high. esh a murderer's collar take

et to dance to violins
Lors and Life are fair;
to Sutes, to dance to lutes
Lie an, raro;
Lot sweet, with nimble feet
the upon the air;

curious eyes and eich surmiss, the him day by day, dated if each one of us said the self-same way, can tell to what red hell blies soul may stray.

few have given credit to the author, although I can not believe that they are ignorant of his pame.

Oscar Wilde still maintains that he is in-Osear Wilde still maintains that he is inneveral of the crime of which he was convicted. I knew him for some time, met him frequently and had a good opportunity of judging his character. Knowing him as I did, I
can only believe him guilty on the hypothesis that he was insans and irresponsible for
his action. He says that he will not only
preaver his lost position, but wil add to his
lauries. This is a laudable analytion, for,
oven granting he was gully of the crime of
which he was convicted, he should be eacourtaged to go onward and unward. Of course
he has given projudices to evercome. England becomes spasmodically moral, and Wilds,
like Byron, has been cauchi in one of
moral grasms. Byron, Burns, Switts
and yet genius has reminimed.

He has, too, indomitable energy and means sufficient to bide his time for the renewed fortune that he new seeks.

There is one bar to his success, that is, public prejudice. Fublishers fear to issue his works, theatrical managers to produce his plays, and critice, pandering to public sentiment and yielding, perhaps, to a sense of jectous, are strongly opposed to him. The Bi tish public, however, admires grit and appreciates genius, ever though it be tained with immorality. Though it killed Parnell for his adultery it has partoned a worse sinner, Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, because he had the discretion to wait and the grit to a tercome its prejudice. If I were a theat-fical manager in London, as a business vinture I would not hestiate to produce a meritarious play of Oscor Wilde, nor as a publisher would I refuse to issue a work of meritarious play of Oscor Wilde, nor as a publisher would I refuse to issue a work of meritarious play of Oscor Wilde, nor as a matter of curiestly, would command attention, and, if of merit, would meet with a goodly measure of success. We sewed the sacks, we broke
We turned the dusty drill;
We banged the tins, and drawled the hymns,
And sweated on the mill;
But in the heart of every man
Terror was lying still. The lines in the second stanza of the fore-going extract deserve further explanation. It reads:

As an esthetic Oscar Wilde first gainer fame, and there is no doubt that from him and his confreres much of the handsome decorations that adorn our homes and public buildings really emanated. The world is all the botter for the spirit of art that they breathed on all around them. Many deemed Oscar Wilde a fool, but they soon found that there was method in his folly.

With blunt and bleeding mails."

This undoubtedly refers to the picking of oakum, one of the prison tasks. The prisoners are given daily four pounds of old discarded ship's ropes. These have been tarred and often retarred, and, by the long action of the sea water, are rendered almost as hard as rock. With no tools whatever the prisoners are required to pick these ropes to pieces in strands as fine almost as hair, in fact, to reduce the ropes to the state in which the hemp or fax was before it was made into rope. The only way this can be done is by softening the tar of the ropes by friction. The prisoner first beats the rope for some time on the cell floor to loosen the several smaller ropes of which a big rope is composed, then he has to take the small rope and rub it with the palm of his hands until by friction he has so warmed the tar as to be pliable, and then with the fingers and nails he has to reduce the rope to each separate strand. This is rough on the hands, even to one who is used to manual labor, and has hands that are "horny" and "corned." It is much more so to one who, like Oscar Wilde, has hands as soft as velvet. To such when picking oakum the nails are soon worn down to the quick and useless and the hands are soon sore and lacerated. Prisoners are expected to pick four pounds of cakum in the day. To do this he must be an expert and industrious. For a time the prisoner is excused if he does not complete his task or pick it fine enough, but after that time allowance, it he does not do it be may be put in a dark cell and fed on bread and vater. The treadmill is the hardest of all prison tasks and after that is calloned with many others in what is known as "the wheel house," whereas the cakum picker works in his cell and is the reference in close confinment. Oakum, when it is properly prepared, is used for the caulking of ships.

The "open grave" referred to in the last At the time when Oscar Wilde was perading the world as an esthetic mountebank he was inculcating the principles of art in a most foreible way and was drawing in shekels by the thousands. The Oscar Wilde in public was quite a different man from the Oscar Wilde in private life. This I knew in England, but I had a forcible illustration of it in San Antonic, Texas. At that time Oscar Wilde was on a lecturing tour in Texas and was a guest at the Menger hetel. I was at that time city editor of the San Autonic Dully Light and called to see him for an Interview. I knew if I sent up my ordinary card he would recognize my name, so I took a blank card and wrote: "The city editor of the Dally Light would like to have an interview for publikation." The bell hey took the card and after considerable delay returned, saying: "Mr. Wilde will see you in his room." I followed the bell boy to the room and there my on the sofa the object of my visit in most enchanting languar. His long hair and dathy costome gave him really the appearance of a woman dressed in man a clothes. He was doing a professional pose for the benefit of the newspaper man. When he saw me he tumped up in the most energetic manner and soil: "Why, Ryder, old boy, how are you! Who the deuce would think of finding you here." And he became as hale and hearty as a typical English squire, and we cracked a bettle of wine and talked of the press gang with the same enthusiasm as we should have done in Coger's hall over our "half and half" At the time when Oscar Wilde was parading as a typical England and talked of the press gang with the same enthusiasm as we should have done in Coger's hall over our "half and hair in the days when I was serving my apprenticeship in the newspaper business and he was an art student. Had I been a stranger he would have posed for me to the finish, and that pose, natural as it seemed to be, would have influenced my writings. circumstances, given to friends or refatives. It is buried in the precincts of the prison upon a bed of quicklime, then the body is covered with quicklime and the whole is thoroughly saturated with water before the grave is filled in with earth. The body is specifly destroyed by the lime and all chance of resuscitating the man is gone.

During the hanging, which always occurs at S a. m, on the date named, and until noon the prisoners are confined to their cells. In the afternoon they are at their various duties again, and the grave filled in shows them that the prisoner has paid the penalty of his crime.

In conclusion, I would repeat and inform what has been written by an English critic: "We have no sympathy for a horde of hypo-

"We have no sympathy for a horde of hypocritical wolves who would hound a man to death for a transgression for which he has been awfully punished, thus acting in contradiction with the Bible that they profess to believe in and of the Christ that they claim to follow, who forgave sin with the hjunction, 'Go, and sin ne more.'

I would rather take his hand and say, 'Brother, thou hust fallen, but thou need'st not remain in the mire. The way from the mire is rough and difficult of ascent, but if you have courage and energy you will overcome all difficulty and reach the heights of honor and prosperity. Go forward, brother, and may God go with you.' To help the fallen is far more noble than to thrust them down into the pits of deapair. We should all remember that 'to err is human; to forgive divine,' and when any seek to merit our forgiveness they should assuredly find it.

Henry Ryder Taylor.

A TALENTED COMPOSER.

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favor with the man poetry lover. The soothing flow, and the music fa nelody.

march is a brilliant composition and to be a favorite with bands and all like the popular class of marches. Half he net proceeds of the March is to be incent is a talented composer and all of her work is worthy of high praise, but undoubtedly this lullaby and march are the best compositions she has yet given the public. She is the daughter of the late Colonel Carey W. Styles, who in his day one of the most brilliant men and journalist in the South.

About the Size of It.

It is said the bee politic Whose fused? Are they regular democratically they have no cause to be confused. Let test or a liberal test is all the same them, for they have no fences to climb to get back into the fold, as they have never been outside. If the democratic party is due any of its would-be, or ought-to-be, prodigals an apology it has not up to this time been convinced of it. Many good citizens voted themselves out of the regular ranks, and they will have an opportunity to ranks, and they will have an opportunity to vote themselves back in if they so desire. It is their free American privilege to vote as they please, and if they want to set up a little side show with a golden calt or a ray baby for the chief attraction, that's their business. This is a bit country. rag baby for the chief attraction, that's their husiness. This is a big country, but only two parties can live, and it is the duty of every patriot to identify himself with the one or the other, as his judgment of right and patriotism dictates. Sawing the air outside the ranks of either of these his organizations will furnish about as much satisfaction to the rawyers as gnawing a cast file to satisfy an empty stomach.

new file to satisfy an empty stomach. The Reason for It.

The vote in the democratic primaries this year will, in all probability, we much lighter than usual. Many gold standard democrats, not being able to forecast the complexion of the platform, are not willing, in advance, to pledge themselves to its support, and name will not affiliate. On the other hand very many ultra silver democrats have announced that they will not patronize the primaries because the test is too liberal, and permits bolters to return to the councils of the party—Luling Signal.

That's why the straight democratic test recommended by the State executive committee should have been adopted by every county in the State. Party organization should be as strict as a church organization. Perrell Times Star.

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broken when it reaches 100 "numble means will be secured to build the church." make three copies of the letter, putting the it is Lardly possible that it ever next higher number at the top, number all alike, and sign his or her name. One of these letters is to be returned, with 10 cents, to the originator of the chain. The other two are to be sent to two friends. tois operathat they will do the same. tion is to be repeated until No. which will end the chala. There serious objections to a scheme of he kind for raising money. Let it be granted that the recipient of No. 1 writes to two of his friends; each of these is expected to write to others; so that link No. 2 in the chain calls for four letters; link No. 3 for eight letters; the number is doubled with every successive link, and by the time the thirtieth link is reached the number of letters to be written would be more than a thousand million.

My in days gone by were rebels, As the Cubains are today; With blood we bought our liberty And cast off the Briton's sway. Like a gen of rarest beauty An island near us decks the sea, and Spain no longer shall despoil it. There are not enough people in this world 's respond, and yet the author of the chain would have to go on. The fortieth link calls for a milion milion letters and the fiftieth for a thousand times a milion milion! It Who've sworn to win their freedom Or bravely fighting fell. is very doubtful whether this many human belies have ever lived on the face of the earth. And the sums contributed by these But send our answer ringing back, millions and millions of people, if they al

Could the United States recognize the inde-pendence of Cuba and be justified in doing se-according to international law?

be enough to build a country church.

times as much as all the property of every

A Reader. International law experts generally hold that barbarities in the conduct of war, es pecially in civil wars, justify remonstrance and even the recognition of the independence of the weaker power. Interference of this The vow kind, however, is only permissible in extreme cuses-in fact, a measure of necessity. An illustration might be cited in the case of the Behold, how 'mid direct danger, Gracian war for independence in 1827. Great Britain, France and Russia interfered, even to the extent of giving such aid that the Turkish power in Greece was destroyed and a Grecian monarchy founded. That recognition, however, was paramount to a declara tion of war against Tuckey.

Can you tell me the origin of that old Can you tell me the origin of that old metaphor that has reference to bibulous conduct, "take a hair of the dog that hites you," whereby you mean that if your headache had its origin in champagne, champagne should be your morning tipple, and if your mental pangs had their origin in heer, beer should be your matutinal beverage? C.D.P. It had its origin among the canny Scots,

In that country there is a popular belief that a few hairs of the dog that bit you if applied to the wound will prevent an attack of hydrophobia. Some old fellow wrote a few line upon this subject, running in this wise:

Take the hair, it's well written, Of the dog by which you are bitten; Work off one wine by his brother. And one labor with another. Cook with cook, strife with strife, Business with business, wife with wife.

What is the origin of the expression "De as an addet?" C.T.O.

It has a Biblical origin. In the Psalms w t has a Biblical origin. In the realists of these words: "The deaf adder stoppeth of these words: "The deaf adder stoppeth No Spanish dastard ever ears and will not hearken to the voice of Our bancer shall defy; charmer, charm he ever so wisely." These 111 battle neath its colors erds, however, do not explain why the For its honor till I die. adder should be spoken of as deaf, but the solution of that problem is found in an old Bring forth the regimentals. tradition. In Eastern countries if a viper enon the house a snake charmer is sent for ording to an old superstition, the usp stops his car, when the charmer utters his bicanta tion, by applying one car to the ground and twinting his tall into the other.

Is Gibraltar the smallest colony belonging Like me 'tis growing eld; to a European power? C.O.B. The tarnished sword is had Yes; it is a rocky promontory, two and But rings as true as gold. three-quarter miles long and three-quarters of a mile broad; its total area is one and nine-tenths square miles. It is a crown colony with a military governor. The popula tion is about 26,000, including a garrison of 5684 men. The smallest of foreign colonies is Macao, a Portuguese settlement on the south the islands of Colorane and Talpa, is four voted to the Ross monument fund. Mrs. and one-half square miles. Its population is 67,030.

Rindly explain the difference between the insurgents and the reconcentrades K.N.T.

The insurgents are the men in the field un der arms who are opposing the Spanish troops. The reconcentrades are the who have been living between the Spanish lines and the insurgents and were to some extent neutral, but under the orders of Wey ler were forced to come into the towns and cities of Cuba, leave their homes and be un der Spanish aupervision, no provision being made for their earning a tivelihood.

Will you please tell me the difference be-con a critiser, an armored cruiser and a professed cruiser? J.D.C. An armored cruiser has its sides, barbets and turrets protect 1 by armor from 5 to 10 toches thick. It is designed for fighting and is from 2000 to 4000 tons larger than pary protected cruiser. The protected cruiser has from I to 216 inches of steel protecting its guns and decks, but carries no side armor. It is designed chiefly for a commerce destroyer. The ordinary cruiser is a fleet, well armed ship, but has little or no protection from the enemy's guns, and is used simply for destroying merchant ships.

"is thy servant a dog?" Where does this questation come from, and what is the other H.T.A.

The words are in the eighth chapter of the Second Book of Kings, in the reply of linprophecy of Elisha as to the "evil that he would do unto the children of Israel." Harnel said, But what, is thy servent a dog, that he should do this great thing?"

How far apart may two places be and still be in the same latitude? S.B.O. They may be half the circumference of the earth. If the circumference be 25,000 miles at the equator the points would be separated by 12,500 miles. Quito, in the United States of Columbia, and a place on the west coast of Sumatra, are about opposite each other

What is the law forbidding the use of postal cards for duns? Boes it prohibit, except in case of threat to recover by law? M.S.

A postal card with a statement of account written thereon may be transmitted in the

upon the conduct or char

Trease name the captains of our battleships and atmored cruisers. C.R.L. Eattleships—Iowa, Captain W. T. Sampson; Indians, Captain H. C. Taylor; Texas, Captain J. W. Phillip. Armored Cruisers-Brook-lyn, Captain F. A. Cook: New York, Captain Chadwick; Columbia, Captain J. H. Sands; Mingeapolis, Captain T. F. Jewell.

Please state the number and the names of the first-class battleships that are now under construction in the United States.

Five-The Kontucky, Konsergo Illinois Alabams and Wisconsin. outd chain letter scheme, the author of Was there a law passed by the app. Texas prohibiting and one person from lag over a certain amount of tohan see

No record of such a law can be full

CUBA SHALL BE F

Clear all the if the

Cuba small be free.

But Cuba shall be free.

From that isle by vandals ravaged We weigh not gold against freedom, Nor count what the cost may be,

responded, would make twenty million little "The boys" who were the blue are read piles, each containing a million dollars! This And impatient wait the fray, And clear and strong comes answer money, which is more than three hundred From "the boys" who were the gray. Let the breezes kiss "Old Glory" As she floats o'er land and sea, kind in the United States, certaintly ought to She shall float above us also Till suffering Cuba's free,

> We know no lines or sections, But at our common country's call, Will 'neath the emblem of her glory United stand, as brothers all We will write upon that banner, In blood, if blood must be, The vow we've made to heaven, That Cuba shall be from

One stood, serens yet bold, Scorning every form of peril, Proof 'gainst all the power of gold, Nobler branch has nee r put forth From his ancestral tree, Proud seion of a knightly race, is giorious Fitzhugh Lee.

Then clear the docks for action, Nail "Old Glory" to the mast, We will be the first in battle And to leave it be the last.
Let the battle cry ring on the air,
"Remember now the Maine,"
For heroes by Spanlards murdered We'll take pay in blood from Spain.

The flashing emerald waters Of the smiling Southern sea. We'll incarnadine with Spanish blood Till the whole shall crimson be.
Haughty Spain shall bend before us
And to us yield en hard and sea,
And when the conflict's ended,
Bezuteous Cuba will be free.

VOICE OF AN OLD CONFEDERATE

For The Post. What, 'Old Glory' brought to shame! Its stars trailed in the dust! I know I'm growing feeble.

My uniform of gray. My country should disclaim me longer I delay strike for our proud standard, And her unsullied name, The foremost of all Nations, On the shining scroll of Fame.

My uniform is tattered; The tarnished sword is battered, But rings as true as gold. Those old-time regimentals Faced vallant boys in blue deadly In many a deadly conflict, And now I know they'll do. marched in them with "Stonewall,"

And later on with Lee From Gettysburg to Richmond, And they're good enough for me To wear against Spain's assassins. As we give them shot and shell, And send them scooting skyward With the old "Rebel Yell. Alva Clay Bravo.

PLANTS WHICH TAKE PILLS.S Tonics Given in the Shape of Metal-

The pill is so generally regarded as one administered to plants, both as food and

of the penalties of humanity that it is something of whock to learn that it is medicine. It is the ingenuity of M. Georges Truiffent, says a Paris exchange, which has added this new application to plant

life.

After carefully analyzing the living plant, the constitution ficient for six months' made into a pill and inclose cover. This metal-coated pill bedded in the pol near the roots plant, and the saits gradually dissolved the required nutriment to the plant. the required nutriment to the plants this means large and aturdy plants to reared in small pots, the nutriment several cubic feet of earth being of densed within the limits of a tiny pill.

MORE FATAL THAN BULLETS. Cholera's Many Victims in the Chi-

nese-Japanese War. In the war between China and Japan 3148 men died by cholera and other discases, while 729 were killed outright and cases, while 739 were killed outright and 230 died subsequently of wounds received in battle-2029 were invalided on account of wounds received by sword or ballet, and 52,553 were invalided from cholera and other diseases contracted during the campaign. In this war twenty-two battles were fought altogether, and the total expenditure of aminumition now works out at 8617 shrapnel shell, 1761 common shell and 12 case-shot. China lost 12,709 sailors and solders, and, considering the terribly expensive nature of the shells, it will be seen that Japan had to pay pretty dearly for every Chinaman killed.

Four Good Mes.

Bartlett Tribune. All four of the democratic candidate for governor of Texas-Sayers, Crane SUMMARY OF SERMONS.

Following is a summary of the principal sermons recently delivered in the United States and Cauada by the leading clergy-men, pricats, prelates, religious transcers and professors of the Christian faith. In every instance the text has been carefully

GUIDING STARS, There are no grand er words to bring into conjunction than these three-God, life, church. Let these three blaze in one and you have the guid-ing star for all generations.—Rev. W. T. Hutchins, Evangelist, Indian Orchard,

CONCERNING COLOR.—Color is not cocessarily a fact in nature; it is samply tousness—a notion of the

moral status of the

THE PERFECT STANDARD .- Jesus Christ is the perfect standard; the fullest embodiment of all that is true and good for are making its appeal to the human heart; the Divine Ideal, historically montfested and verified as the final resitty-Friend, Saviour, God, the one eternal rer-sonelity in whom we live and move and have our being—Rev. J. H. Smythe, Unttarian, Baston, Mass.

THE GLORIOUS MAN .- The most glorious man is the one who is most self-forgetful.—Rev. P. F. Sutphen, Presby-terian, Cleveland, Ohlo.

CONFIDENCE,-it is in a sinless ludge who knew what was in man that we place our confidence.—Rev. Roland King-walt, Episcopalian, Stockton, Pa.

PEACE. The Bible is the peace bringing book. It not only brings comfort in sorrow; it brings peace in every position in life.—Rev. R. A. Torrey, Chicago.

PUNISHMENT.-God's punishment is not poison, but medicine. The pain men suffer is designed to make them better,— Rev. Richard E. Sykes, Universalist, Denver. Col.

AIDS TO THE CHURCH .- Pleasant greetings and cordial hand clasps from the laity do more for a church than powerful sermons from the preacher.—Rov. 1st. Frank Crane, Methodist, Chicago.

CHRISTIANITY AND HOPE.—Christianity is a religion of hope. No man can despair of the human race who supa himself in the sublime optimism of Jesus Christ.—Rev. W. Haines, Baptist, Washington, N. J.

REGENERATION .- Regeneration rights the factulties of man, and they move to-ward the right like the solid phalanx of an army — Rev. J. W. Lewis, Methodiss, Louisville, Ky. RIGHTEOUSNESS.—The man who re-

gards righteous living as a matter of expediency is apt to grow weaker from time to time.—Dr. Charles H. Richards, Congregationalist, Philadelphia, Pa. RETRIBUTION .- To all of the punish

ments which God inflicts upon sinners there is a heavenly afterward in which their beneficial results will be seen.—eev. Dr. Edwin C. Sweetser, Universalizt, Pun-

LOVE.—No day should pass that "I love you" has not gone often between husband and wife, for this little phrase is the shuttle of love, weaving two hearts into one.-Rev. Dr. Frank Crane, Methodist, Chiongo. GREATEST OF PRIVILEGES .- We are

of REATEST OF PRIVILEGES.—We are not to rest in others' opinions about Christ, but may have a personal knowledge of Him, coming from a face to face interview. It is the greatest of all privileges offered by human being.—Dr. Hawkins, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo. THE HANDMAID OF RELIGION.

ence is the vision that is vouchsifed to faith. It is the handmaid of religion. It is knowledge of the laws by which God governs His universe.-Rev. G. Johnson, Sougregationalist, Chicago.

YOUR SIGNS. -The Christian should freep his signs burnished and see that he does not misrepresent his religion to the world. I f the heart is not full of the life and love of Jesus, it can not be His.—Rev. J. Montgomery, Presbyterian, Cincinnati.

AN ALTRUIST.—When society has purged itself of solfishness, then the masses and the classes, the capitalists and the workmen, their cries and their strifes, will be harmonized. Then the world shall be ruled by its Unseen Ruler indeed.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Lawrence, Methodist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PRAYER.—The truest, the finest, the sweetest prayer must come out of the oving, the sympathetic, the tender soul. No selfish prayer can expect to enter into the heart of God.—Rev. Minot J. Savage, Unitarian, New York City.

THE PATTERN OF LIFE .- On earth we see only the wrong side of the pattern of life, the knots and ends. In the here-after we shall see the right side in the perfection of beauty. The design shall be clear.—Professor F. R. Beattle, Presbyterian, Louisville, Ky.

ELECTION.—A man may not see to what God is calling him, but if he keeps developing himself the time will come the thing for which he has been will be made stear to him. "Give to him the hear has been will be made stear to him." James De Norman-on, Mass.

GATIONS .- The

MINISTRATION Ministrations the emergency, but fi making it the angels dan You can't afford to have a you what you can do for the doing that makes you the lest emergency comes not what way to turn, a come to lead you home. Methodist, Louisville.

CREED AND FAITH. There is a pure ity intellectual act. Park is also an of the will. We look at the things will are unseen. They are not forced upon us we turn our attention deliberately toward them. This is the difference between a creed and a confession of faith. A creed is simply a statement of an intellectual opinion: a confession of faith is the acceptance of God.—Hev. Dr. Lyman Albeit.

and upward it is the way of commont. the air is fresher and is mucher, and there just before you are the gleaming walls of the God.—Dr. Chus. Wood, Presbyteris

RECONCILIATION .- Only as w srow tradition and consequent fear can become reconciled to God, and only throughour reconciliation can God be madical Opportunity is ourselves. We choose who we will serve—whether the daraness tradition or the lifumination possible to the individual soult—Mrs. Gestefeld, Excuss Club. Chicago.

LIFE'S THREAD.—The warp threads of life are the great thoughts of God, who is the personal nature of things. The reign of law is the rule of the purpose of Him who is the Father of all men. Each is to cast his shuttle, with the personal freedom of his own responsibility, athwart the Divine warp threads.—Dr. G. S. Bustroughs, Presbyterian, Louisville.

STANDING STILL.—Some men thus hen a man has acknowledged his Saviour has only calmly to await eternity. This true. The divine purpose in man is complete, for God is continually working in man. A man can not be at a standatill in either holiness or sin; the Christian becomes better all the time.

ligion is here to shine. Every age has prophesiod its downfall; but Christ has never closed the gates for any foe. The power of His church is in its practical ministry to the world, its enswer to assault are the open petes of its love, which lifts up the world. If it stops to defend, it is lost. If it keeps its gates of mercy and grace open to bless the carth, the divine in it speaks for itself.—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Presbyterian, New York City.

HONESTY.—Honesty pays in the long run. Godliness is profitable. The man who lies in the midst of wealth and luxury, with his head and hands full of stocks and bonds—if these are all he has—dies poor, a bankrupt! Men ask after his departure how much he left behind, and are told he left all; his all! He did not take a single dollar with him. While he who has struggled for real mastery, and in whose estates there is not a shilling, dies a conducret—Rev. Dr. Harcourt, Methodist, Philadelphia. ist, Philadelphia.

DIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT,

Corpus Christi Making Great Preparations for the Event. Corpus Christi, April 14.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Corpus

Christi fire department, which committee was vested with authority to solicit subscriptions, formulate a programme and arrange a list of prizes for the grand firemen's tournament and hose laying contest to be held in this city on the 5th of May, the committee reported that the necessary, money, etc., had been satisfactorily arranged and completed. The rules governing said contest have been formulated and furnished all outside companies desiring to

enter for the hose laying championship prize. The rules, prizes, etc., a copy of which have been furnished The Post cor-respondent, are as follows: Contest against time for three cash prizes—First \$100, second \$50; home team allowed to compete for first prize only; visitors allowed to contest for all three

Prizes.

Rule 1. Teams competing shall not be composed of more than fifteen men, including officers and two hydrant men to run in rear of hose cart.

Rule 2. Start to be made standing; time

to be counted from the tap of the starting

Rule 2. Officers are not allowed to give any manual assistance. Rule 4. The distance to be run will be 150 yards, straight line of hose to be inid from hydrant and tight couplings made; two lengths of hose (100 feet) to be recied on from hydrant. Five lengths of hose (250 feet) to be placed on cart used in running the race. Class of hose used, Maltese Cross

rubber. Rule 5. Contest to be under control of judges selected by competing teams, and two timers; one of the judges to be selected y each team competing; leuted by home department to time for all

Competing teams.
Rule 6. All men in competing teams will be required to keep their posts after the race is run and hose laid, until the judges have inspected couplings, etc., after which hose must be recled on the cart by them

in readiness to be turned over to next competing team.

Rule 7. All competing teams will be re-quired to join in street parade.

Rule 8. Plonear No. 1 hose cart of Cor-pus Christi to be used by all competing

pus Christi to be used by all competing teams in racing.
Competing teams will make entries by notifying H. F. Stevenson, secretary executive committee, in charge of celebration, Already through the efforts of The Post have several companies been secured to be in attendance here, as the wide circulation of the celebration given by The Post has attracted considerable attention and as a result several of those "who saw it in as a result several of those "who saw it in The Post" have expressed their intentions of being present at the celebration, which

of being present at the celebration, which promises to be a glowing success from present indications.

Our citizens have liberally assisted the fire laddles in a fluancial way and extended them all the encouragement possible. Besides the grand street parade and trades display in the morning, followed by the tournament in the afternoon, the visiting freemen will be tendered an excursion over the briny deep in the afternoon, to be followed by a grand concert, ball and supper at night.

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Exceedingly low excursion rates have been given over the Aransas Pass road, which has promutgated a rate of \$3.50 for which has promutgated a rate of \$3.50 for which has promutgated a rate of \$2.50 for the found trip from any point on its line, while the Mexican Mational Railway company have effered a found trip rate of \$2.50 from any point on its line. Ample hotel accommodations have been provided in and the entertainment committee of Corpus Christi fire department and the entertainment committee of corpus christi fire department and pleasant time for all visit their families and others.